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local public affairs. They will readily agree that these things are of moment, that "eternal vigilance" is nowhere more required than in the man and villages. Try to pin them down to their own city, town or village, and you meet only plentiful discouragement They "don't want to go into politics," or "they haven't time," or they "reckon it'll The men who trade in politics baye

time and plenty of it to attend to their own share of the public business and tha of anybody who is good enough to stand back at so important a time. You can' altogether blame the men who take up the neglected work of governing a city Wheeling, for example, because everybody will admit that in one way or another the city must be governed. To-day the polls will be open from !

o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the evening. This will give to every voter at opportunity to express himself as to the kind of city government he wants for the next two years. Two kinds of mon will be sure to be at the polls-the high grade neighbors at the polls and handing them tickets, and the men of quite another grado who are banded with their own sor to put in power and keep their men who disgrace themselves in office and ask you what you are going to do shout it. Isn't

When sixteen Senators of the United State vote to place the ballot in the hands of women that particular cause my be retion. Senators are never in advance of public opinion. It will, however, be a long time before this question can be brought up in the Senate without suggest come to ornament the subject once more with the old time pleasantries. There is Mr. Eustis-he wanted to know whether it would not be necessary to include jury duty with the ballot. Being told by Mr. Dolph that no less a thing is already in satisfactory operation in Washington Territory, Mr. Eustis came again with the query whether it would be a decent thing to take a mother from her infant and keep her up all night in a jury room.

Mr. Eustis should have gone further in the line of the old argument and naked whether the ballot does not carry with it whether the ballot does not carry with it the musket as well, and whether a mother would look well with a nursing infant in one arm and a musket in the other as she marched bravely and proudly to battle for her country. A picture of this sort well worked up would have made many people laugh, though it might not have convinced anybody that an intelligent woman is not capable of doing as well with a ballot as a man of the same mental

Mr. Eustis and those who think with him will never be able to tell why a woman any more than a man should be taxed without any opportunity to say how much tax shall be levied, by whom, and what shall be done with the money so contributed to the support of government. Ridicule is much cheaper than argument, and it is more taking with the

Objections are urged in the Senate, as elsewhere, sgainst enlarging the suffrage. It is possible that we may find it desira ble to restrict the suffrage in one direction and enlarge it in another. Who can

Raw Material for an Opera Bouffe. Whose hath time and talent may find his worldly account in a visit to 'Charleston at this interesting time. There, in great abundance are the raw materials of the opera bouffist's trade lying around loose. And it would be a novel thing to put on the stage. There would be the caucus to show a state of unsurpassed and undreamed-of Harmony-only to be fitly expressed by the fine large H which we have taken the liberty here to employ. Then there should be the hotels, the street corners, the corridors of the Capitol, and the places all, and several where statesmen most do congregate; and here the harmony would be becomingly represented by an h of the most mild-mannered pre

Consider, if you please, the grotesque effect of these two characters appropriately doing a double cong and dance with such acrobatic accessories as artists in that line are wont embellish their per formers withal in these aspiring days. It would be very comical to see the little h tripping the big H and ever and anon sitting on his rotund and palpitating form. It might pain the sensitive mind to hear big H begging for a let-up movement, and yet there would be sometning inexpressibly droll about that, too. Other features will strike the artist skilled in working that sort of material, and while we do not like to promise too much, we

rather think that the result would be a production such as has not been seen or he lyric stage in West Virginia since the State was formed. In competent hands such a bill would successfully storm al he interior towns

THE TYPEWRITER. t is not a Modern Invention, but was Use

"The idea that the typewriter was in rented by John Burt is a popular error, said Col. Thomas S. Sprague yesterday 'Il you like I will give you the story of among his papers his son found a patent which had been issued in 1820, to his grandfather, William A. Burt, for a type writen on this machine in 1829 and 1830, and the work was as perfect as any printed matter you see now. Among these were letters written by Burt, then residing in New York, to his wife in Oskland county, this State, and to other parties in Massachusetts. Mr. Burt then closed a contract with some parties in Massachusetts. Mr. Burt then closed a contract with some parties in Massachusetts to manufacture the machine and put it on the market. They worked at it about eight years, but without success, and then abandoned the scheme. The manufacturers also called upon Mr. Burt to refund \$75 which had been advanced to him upon his royalites. The reason given for their abandening the manufacture of the machines was that the number of letters written was small, postage being which had been issued in 1820 to his WHEELANG, W. VA., JANUARY 27, 1887 of letters written was small, postage being so very high. The mechanism of the machine was considered so complicated that no man could hope to keep one is order without an engineer always with

"There is no record of this patent in the Patent Office, as the records were burned in 1837 and no effort was ever burned in 1837 and no effort was ever made by the Government to reproduce them. The patent granted to Bart for the typewriter was signed by Andrew Jeckson as President, Martin Van Buren as Secretary of State, and Col. Berrien as Attorney General. It was written on patchment. The machine embraced in its construction all the important features of the typewriter now in use. "William A. Burt also invented the solar compace, without which it would have been impossible for the Government to survey the mineral lands of the country.

to survey the mineral lands of the country At the time of the invention Mr. Burt wa ngaged as surveyor, and, finding that agnetic influences interferred with hi magnetic influences interierred with his work, he got up the solar compass. To perfect this invention he abandoned the typewriter. Though the Government has used the compass ever since, Mr. Burt never received a dollar for it. An attempt was made by his heirs to secure an appropriation from Congress, but nothing came of it."

THE LILY TALKS.

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"Did you meet Mrs. James Brown Potter on the other side last winter?" was asked. "I did, and I was quite disappointe

with her, although I found her very charming. It was this way. Mr. Henry Irving gave a dinner, at which Mrs. Potter, myself and the Prince of Wales were among the guests. I sat next to the Prince and Mrs. Potter. It think, was on the other side of him. When she entered the room the Prince turned to me and said, 'What do you think of her?' 'Well,' I replied, 'I don't think she is at all beautiful.' It was during the same dinner that Mrs. Potter was called upon to recite. She did so, and gave the 'Iwo Shadows' in a very charming manner; but all the time the large jet beads which she wore upon her gown kept constantly falling off, and she would stoop to pick them up and pin them on in a cluster in front. After she had reaumed her seat at the table the Prince said to her, 'Why do you keep bobbing under the table?' Well,' she replied, 'to pick up the jets which make my gown so pretty.' 'Indeed,, he replied, 'I think your gown looks much better without them.' I think she was slightly piqued,' continued the actress, "at not having mado a better impression than she did upon his Royal Highness."

"Are you going back to England at the close of the season?" asked the reporter. "That I cannot say," she replied. "As soon as the warm weather comes I think it likely that I will spoud the summer here at some watering place. I want to see your people in the hot months. Let me tell you about an accident I had yesterday afternoon. I took a cab to do a bit of shopping, and the cabbing was rattling away at quite a brisk pace, when all of sudden away went the spring and I was let gracefully down to mother earth. That wesn't the worst part of the adventure. I had to step out of the cab into a street full of slush, ankle deep, and actually wede to the pavement. I think I must be getting heavier, because this is the third accident of the kind I have had during this gear. with her, although I found her very charming. It was this way. Mr. Henry

getting heavier, because this is the thire accident of the kind I have had during

this season."
"How did you like Baltimore?" asked

newspapers until this morning, when I find that since I have left there they have been talking about me in a most scandalous manner. Why, just read this clipping," said she, handing the interviewer a

ping," said she, handing the interviewer a newspaper.
"It says the most terrible things imsginable about my conduct during my stop there and in Weshington, in connection with two very good friends of mine, Mr. Gebhard and Mr. Fred May."
"So I read," was the reply.
"Why, do you know that the whole time that I was in Baltimore I was so indisposed that I never was able to leave my bed, save to go to the theater for my performances. And yet this paper, I don't know which one it is that published this article, states the most terrible things. I baven't been able to think of anything haven't been able to think of anything

I haven't been able to think of anything else since I It's too chameful to stab-one in the back so!

"What shall I do about it? Well, I hardly know what to do, save to say that it is utterly false and I ack you to publish my words. You cannot possibly imagine my feelings on the subject. I feel as though I could do—well, I don't know exterly what. I do so hate to have such falselnoods going around about me. When newspapers talk about men in this way that they have talked about me there is always redress for the former, but there it is again, 'Woman's weakness; she got no chance to help herself. My most bitter ememies could not have said or done anything to me which would have offended mo more than this libelous story had done. Do take my part and tell-overy one that it isn't true."

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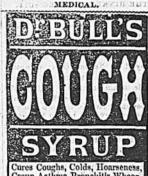
Miss Hulda Bond, of Brooklyn, is an is residence, sent in her card and his residence, sent in her card and obtained an interside with the General's wife. Miss Bond impressed Mrs. Grant so favorably that when she brought out her album and said: "Do you think the General would add his name to my collection?" the latter replied that she would see, and went up stairs. On returning, Mrs. Grant said: "I told the General of your pleasant call, and he took the album and glancing over it, read the few lines written by a little boy 5 years old, as follows:

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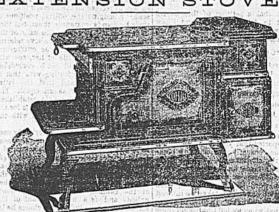
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